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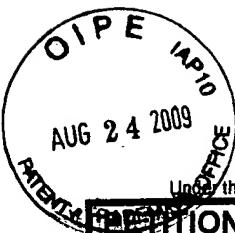
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**PETITION TO ACCEPT UNAVOIDABLY DELAYED PAYMENT OF  
MAINTENANCE FEE IN AN EXPIRED PATENT (37 CFR 1.378(b))**

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Patent Number: 6,077,001Application Number: 29/128,524Issue Date: June 20, 2000Filing Date: Aug 3, 1998

CAUTION: Maintenance fee (and surcharge, if any) payment must correctly identify: (1) the patent number (or reissue patent number, if a reissue) and (2) the application number of the actual U.S. application (or reissue application) leading to issuance of that patent to ensure the fee(s) is/are associated with the correct patent. 37 CFR 1.366(c) and (d).

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I hereby certify that this paper (along with any paper referred to as being attached or enclosed) is

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DateElouise A. Honeycutt  
SignatureElouise A. Honeycutt  
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This collection of information is required by 37 CFR 1.378(b). The information is required to obtain or retain a benefit by the public which is to file (and by the USPTO to process) an application. Confidentiality is governed by 35 U.S.C. 122 and 37 CFR 1.11 and 1.14. This collection is estimated to take 8 hours to complete, including gathering, preparing, and submitting the completed application form to the USPTO. Time will vary depending upon the individual case. Any comments on the amount of time you require to complete this form and/or suggestions for reducing this burden, should be sent to the Chief Information Officer, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, U.S. Department of Commerce, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450. DO NOT SEND FEES OR COMPLETED FORMS TO THIS ADDRESS. SEND TO: Mail Stop Petition, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450.

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## 1. SMALL ENTITY

 Patentee claims, or has previously claimed, small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27

## 2. LOSS OF ENTITLEMENT TO SMALL ENTITY STATUS

 Patentee is no longer entitled to small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27(g)

## 3. MAINTENANCE FEE (37 CFR 1.20(e)-(g))

The appropriate maintenance fee must be submitted with this petition, unless it was paid earlier.

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MAINTENANCE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 4. SURCHARGE

The surcharge required by 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (Fee Code 1557) must be paid as a condition of accepting unavoidably delayed payment of the maintenance fee.

SURCHARGE FEE BEING SUBMITTED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## 5. MANNER OF PAYMENT

Enclosed is a check for the sum of \$ 1510.00

Please charge Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_ the sum of \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Payment by credit card. Form PTO-2038 is attached.

## 6. AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE ANY FEE DEFICIENCY

 The Director is hereby authorized to charge any maintenance fee, surcharge or petition fee deficiency to  
Deposit Account No. \_\_\_\_\_

## 7. OVERPAYMENT

As to any overpayment made, please

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## 8. SHOWING

The enclosed statement will show that the delay in timely payment of the maintenance fee was unavoidable since reasonable care was taken to ensure that the maintenance fee would be paid timely and that this petition is being filed promptly after the patentee was notified of, or otherwise became aware of, the expiration of the patent. The statement must enumerate the steps taken to ensure timely payment of the maintenance fee, the date and the manner in which the patentee became aware of the expiration of the patent, and the steps taken to file the petition promptly.

## 9. PETITIONER(S) REQUESTS THAT THE DELAYED PAYMENT OF THE MAINTENANCE FEE BE ACCEPTED AND THE PATENT REINSTATED.

Elouise A. Hernandez

Signature(s) of Petitioner(s)

6-11-09

Date

Elouise A. Hernandez

Typed or printed name(s)

Registration Number, if applicable

5150 11th Street, Apt. 1115

Address

480-619-9136

Telephone Number

Elouise A. Hernandez

Address

## ENCLOSURES:

- Maintenance Fee Payment
- Statement why maintenance fee was not paid timely
- Surcharge under 37 CFR 1.20(i)(1) (fee for filing the maintenance fee petition)
- Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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37 CFR 1.378(d) states: "Any petition under this section must be signed by an attorney or agent registered to practice before the Patent and Trademark Office, or by the patentee, the assignee, or other party in interest."

Elorise A. Hargrave  
Signature

6-1-09

Date

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STATEMENT

(In the space below, please provide the showing of unavoidable delay recited in paragraph 8 above.)

Statement is attached.

(Please attach additional sheets if additional space is needed)

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To: USPTO

Fr: Eloise A. Gonzales

Re: Petition to Accept Unavoidably Delayed Payment of Maintenance Fees  
for Patent #6,077,007

This memo is in regards to the conversation I had with an examiner in your office and the information at the USPTO website. When I accessed the website, there was an update to the information that I was given over the phone. Included in the updates on the website was a \$270 fee to petition the office for an unavoidably delayed maintenance fee. The examiner asked me to include a \$1240.00 maintenance fee. I have attached a check in the amount of \$1510.00.

In regards to the Unavoidably Delayed status I was unemployed for 7 months during 2008 and was unable to pay this fee. My unemployment insurance was denied by the state and I have included a statement to verify my status. My attempts to sell the rights to this patent were not successful.

Under no circumstance and at no time during the remaining months of 2008 and 2009 was I able to pay this fee as I remain unemployed today. My monthly bills run \$1600.00 per month and I had no income. The unavoidably delayed payment could not be satisfied until now. I would hope that this petition is accepted under these terms.

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FAX: (520)770-3357  
FAX: (602)364-1211

Fax or return the forms to the address or fax number located on the left.

ELOISE A GONZALES  
2450 W GLENROSA AVE UNIT 15  
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Date: 09/30/2008  
Claim NBR: 0009967783

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BENEFITS CANNOT BE PAID AT THIS TIME BECAUSE OF YOUR AVAILABILITY. ANSWER THE QUESTIONS BELOW IN DETAIL AND RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THIS NOTICE. FAILURE TO ANSWER EACH QUESTION MAY RESULT IN A DETERMINATION BEING ISSUED WITH THE AVAILABLE INFORMATION. FAILURE TO RETURN THIS FORM WITHIN 5 WORKING DAYS MAY RESULT IN A DELAY OR DENIAL OF BENEFITS.

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## WHAT DATE DID CLASSES START?

## WHAT DATE WILL CLASSES END?

**WHAT DAYS OF THE WEEKS ARE YOU ATTENDING SCHOOL?**

## WHAT HOURS ARE YOU ATTENDING SCHOOL?

HAVE YOU WORKED FULL TIME AND ATTENDED SCHOOL FULL TIME AT THE SAME TIME  
DURING THE PAST 9 MONTHS? IF YES, PROVIDE DATES.

IF YOU ARE OFFERED FULL TIME WORK THAT IS DURING SCHOOL HOURS, WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

## WHAT IS YOUR NORMAL OCCUPATION?

## ARE YOU SEEKING FULL TIME OR PART TIME WORK?

## WHAT HOURS AND DAYS ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK?

IF ADDITIONAL SPACE IS NEEDED USE THE BOTTOM PORTION OF THIS FORM.

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